

NDE Bulletin
May 27, 2010

ARRA Race To The Top

Nebraska's Phase 2 application for the ARRA Race To The Top grants will be submitted to the U. S. Department of Education by June 1 and will be posted by Tuesday, June 2, 2010 on the NDE ARRA website at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/RaceToTheTop.html>

NSSRS: Updated Instructions for "Assessment Fact for National Assessment Instrument Results"

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Updated 2009-2010 instructions for "Assessment Fact for National Assessment Instrument Results" (version 1.2.0, dated May 27, 2010) are now available on the NSSRS Documents web page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Documents.htm>). A table was added that specifies which scores must be provided as Composite [Assessment Fact:Scale Score (20)] for each of the national assessment instruments recommended by the state board of education. Similar changes were made to the 2010-2011 instructions (version 2.1.0, also dated May 27, 2010).

State Longitudinal Data Systems Grant

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On May 21, NDE learned that Nebraska did not receive one of the 20 SLDS grants that were awarded. Every state and territory applied for one of the grants. NDE will now identify other sources of funding to support the development of the PK-16 Data System, the linking teacher and students project, and a new unique ID for staff system.

Upcoming Dates for the State of the Schools Report

May 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All corrections to current year Curriculum Reports due
June 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SOSR Preview 2010 opens with data available on the day after submission• NCLB Qualified Teacher data displayed for district preview
June 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tentative date for adding NeSA-Writing results• AYP Math decisions available when NeSA-writing results are added
June 28 – 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standards Setting for NeSA
June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due date for submissions in NSSRS and CDC• HOUSS forms for NCLB Qualified Teachers due
July 1 – 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AYP Appeals accepted for Math AYP decisions
July 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Board Meeting to approve the achievement standards for NeSA- Reading• AYP State goals set after submission and approval by U. S. Department of Education
July 22- 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSSRS system unavailable for scheduled maintenance and upgrades

August 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Districts receive their own NeSA – Reading results from NDE • AYP Reading decisions added to SOSR Preview 2010* • AYP Appeals accepted for Reading AYP decisions (30 days after posting)* <p>*Watch for announcements on AYP Reading decisions as this date is tentative</p>
August 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NeSA – Reading results posted on the NDE homepage (initial release will be files with the results for the all students group for all schools and districts)
August 2 – 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Window for correcting 2009-10 data
August 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSSRS Opens for 2010-11 school year data
October 16 – November 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSSRS 2009-10 Resubmission window opens for drop-out and completer data
October 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release of the State of the Schools Report for the 2009-10 school year

REAP Small Rural Schools Achievement (SRSA)

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A new file of the remaining balances of the REAP SRSA grants has been posted at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/index.htm>. The file contains the balances for FY 2009 (over 1 million dollars) that must be claimed by September 30, 2010 and the balances for FY 2010 (over 3 million dollars) that must be claimed by September 30, 2011. If you need assistance please contact the USDE program office found at: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/programofficers.xls>.

2010-2011 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Competitive Grant Application

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The 2010-2011 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Competitive Grant Application is available in the GMS (Grants Management System) through the NDE portal. The application is due to NDE June 7, 2010.